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**AUTOMATIC EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FIXED CHEMICAL SYSTEMS WORKING GROUP**

**MEETING ACCOUNT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2003**

Committee Goal: To provide a means of communication between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

Meeting Date: June 25, 2003

Meeting Location: SFM Headquarters Conference Room
Sacramento, CA

Members Present:

Chris Gilbert, Chair
Randy Dysart, Member
Darrell Harguth, Member
Allen Quirk, Member
Darrell Hefley, Member
Mike Waldron
Yevonne Costa

Members Absent:

Barry Sigal, Member
Edie Wade, Member
Mike Richwine

Guests:

Michael Crumley, River City Fire Equipment
Ingrid Icasiano, Code Development
Leslie Haberek, Title 24 Code Development
Rodney Slaughter, Title 19 Code Development

Call To Order

Mike Waldron called the meeting to order at 10:30 a. m. at the State Fire Marshal's headquarters conference room in Sacramento.

Review Purpose of Group Objective Statement

This topic is an ongoing issue, there are still many questions regarding the direction and changes that will need to be made to the existing Fire Code regarding service and maintenance of Fixed Chemical Systems.

Rulemaking Presentation

Rodney Slaughter and Leslie Haberek gave a very informative presentation regarding the 9 point criteria that is used when writing certain regulations.

- **California Building Standards Commission 9 Point Criteria**

- 1) Does not duplicate or conflict with other regulations
- 2) Meets the legislative parameters
- 3) Public Interest requires adoption
- 4) It is not unreasonable, arbitrary, unfair or capricious
- 5) Public Cost vs. Benefit is reasonable
- 6) Not ambiguous or vague
- 7) National standards and model code is incorporated
- 8) Format is consistent
- 9) Approved by the OSFM for fire and life safety

Discussion was held on the need to make changes to both Title 24 via the Building Standard Commission and Title 19 via the Office of Administrative Law.

Contractor State Licensing Board and California State Fire Marshal's Relationship to UL300 Issue

The OSFM has difficulty in enforcing fixed system maintenance requirements. The problem is a lack of a cooperative effort between the CSLB and the SFM. The SFM has no administrative options when dealing with concerns holding a C-16 License. Mike Waldron continues to make efforts in establishing cooperation between the agencies. This topic will be presented at the next CalSafe meeting by Randy Dysart and Darrell Hefley. They will report back at the next working group meeting.

Members Reports

Mike Waldron presented an overview of the Inspection Process to be conducted by field deputies. Marc Yopez conducted training in the south state to field deputies. Field deputies will be responsible for *new concern* and *status change* inspections for the Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems, and Fire Extinguisher programs.

Assignments

- Darrell Harguth and Randy Dysart will review existing language in the current Fire Code.
- Allen Quirk, Darrell Hefley and Chris Gilbert will work on the supporting information for justification.
- Chris Gilbert to review policy set by the state of Utah regarding UL300.

Next Meeting

August 06,2003 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m
SFM Headquarters Conference Room
Sacramento, CA